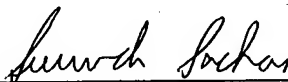


opening part may be obvious to one skilled in the art. However, as Applicants pointed out during the interview, it has been found that the melt sealing of a liquid filling opening part of a liquid containing bag from directions which face each other sometimes results in incomplete sealing and leakage of the liquid. The present inventors have found that a non-symmetrical melt seal provides a higher yield rate for complete sealing of the liquid filling opening part (see paragraph bridging pages 20-21). In view of this, it is evident that the claimed invention provides unexpected improved results, and would not have been obvious from DeCoste or Denpou et al.

Applicants therefore believe that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicit an early Notice of Allowability

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